

Please amend the present application as follows:

Claims

The following is a copy of Applicant's claims that identifies language being added with underlining ("____") and language being deleted with strikethrough ("———") or brackets ("[[]]"), as is applicable:

1. (Currently amended) A method of managing workflow in a commercial printing environment including a designer location and a print service provider location, said method comprising:

establishing a closed-loop communication link between an automated shipping device and the designer location ~~and the print service provider location~~;

creating a ~~press-ready~~ high performance file at the designer location that comprises both a print job to be printed by the print service provider location and a job ticket that contains shipping instructions;

~~using the designer location receiving~~ updated device configuration information received from the ~~print service provider location~~ automated shipping device via said closed-loop communication link, said updated device configuration information comprising information about installed features and capabilities of the automated shipping device;

automatically verifying at the designer location that the automated shipping device is capable of shipping as per said shipping instructions contained in said job ticket;

the designer location submitting said ~~press-ready~~ high performance file to the print service provider location via said closed-loop communication link; and

the print service provider location printing said print job to generate a printed output; and

the automated shipping device receiving a ~~printed output of said press-ready file~~ said printed output and shipping said printed output ~~using an automated shipping device in accordance with said shipping instructions.~~

2. (Currently amended) A method of managing workflow according to claim 1, wherein said automated shipping device is a Design to Ship enabled device and ~~forms part of said closed-loop communication link.~~

3. (Currently amended) A method of managing workflow according to claim 2, wherein said automated shipping device is assigned a unique identifier.

4. (Currently amended) A method of managing workflow according to claim 2, wherein after said step of submitting, said method further comprises a step of automatically verifying at said print service provider location that said ~~press ready file~~ printed output will be ~~produced at said print service provider designed at the designer location~~ shipped as indicated by said shipping instructions contained in said job ticket and, if not, correcting said ~~press-ready file~~ job ticket to ensure production substantially as designed.

5. (Currently amended) A computer-readable medium that stores a program product for managing workflow in a commercial printing environment including a designer location and a print service provider location, said product comprising machine-readable program code for causing, when executed, a machine to perform the following method steps:

establishing a closed-loop communication link between an automated shipping device and the designer location ~~and the print service provider location~~;

creating a ~~press-ready~~ high performance file at the designer location that comprises both a print job to be printed by the print service provider location and a job ticket that contains shipping instructions;

~~using~~ receiving updated device configuration information at the designer location received from the ~~print service provider location~~ automated shipping device location via said closed-loop communication link, said updated device configuration information comprising information about installed features and capabilities of the automated shipping device;

automatically verifying at the designer location that the automated shipping device is capable of shipping as per said shipping instructions contained in said job ticket;

submitting said ~~press-ready~~ high performance file from the designer location to the print service provider location via said closed-loop communication link; and

printing said print job to generate a printed output at the print service provider location; and

receiving ~~a printed output of said press ready file~~ said printed output with the automated shipping device and shipping said printed output ~~using an automated shipping device~~ in accordance with said shipping instructions.

6. (Currently amended) A ~~program-product~~ computer-readable medium according to claim 5, wherein said automated shipping device is a Design to Ship enabled device and ~~forms part of said closed-loop communication link~~.

7. (Currently amended) A ~~program-product~~ computer-readable medium according to claim 6, wherein said automated shipping device is assigned a unique identifier.

8. (Currently amended) A ~~program-product~~ computer-readable medium according to claim 6, wherein after said step of submitting, said method further comprises a step of automatically verifying~~[[,]]~~ at said print service provider location~~[[,]]~~ that said ~~press-ready file~~ printed output will be ~~produced at said print service provider location as designed at the designer location~~ shipped as indicated by said shipping instructions contained in said job ticket and, if not, correcting said ~~press-ready file~~ job ticket to ensure production substantially as designed.

9-10. (Canceled)

11. (New) A method of managing workflow according to claim 1, further comprising the designer location generating the shipping instructions.

12. (New) A method of managing workflow according to claim 11, wherein generating said shipping instructions comprises the designer location generating instructions in a machine format for the automated shipping device and a human format for an operator of the automated shipping device.

13. (New) A computer-readable medium according to claim 5, further comprising machine-readable program code for causing, when executed, a machine to generate the shipping instructions at the designer location.

14. (New) A computer-readable medium according to claim 13, further comprising machine-readable program code for causing, when executed, a machine to generate at the designer location instructions in both a machine format for the automated shipping device and a human format for an operator of the automated shipping device.